



Stonegate Elementary School

Fourth Grade Newsletter

December 2010/January 2011

WHAT'S GOING ON

Language Arts:

- * We are using lessons from *Write Traits* and the writing process to write to inform.
- * We have concluded our study on fables with the making of a story pyramid as a culminating activity. We enjoyed sharing our favorite fable and demonstrating our creativity!
- * We are reading realistic fiction and making predictions on why characters react to a given situation. The students are making connections to the characters and the plot to real life situations, as the characters are more believable than in our past fantasy unit.
- * Students in the HGC reading class are continuing their study of ecology, which will end in January. Students have been working on author studies, projects and reading a variety of literature. They have also been reading stories from Junior Great Books.

Math:

Mrs. Morgan's Class:

*We are continuing to study geometry through the analysis of both plane figures and 3-dimensional figures. We will then use our knowledge of the properties of solid figures to compare and classify.

Mrs. Summers' and Mrs. Thebaud's Classes:

*We are concluding our study of math facts and algebraic concepts. We will have our Unit 2 assessment upon our return from Winter Break. We will begin Unit 3 which covers fractions, decimals, and probability.

Science:

- *We are observing and discussing the changes in our ecocolumns.
- *We will explore how organisms interact with each other through food chains and food webs. We will also explore how some organisms survive and adapt to an environment.

Social Studies:

*We are continuing the study of U.S. geography. We will begin studying the Jamestown and Plymouth colonies.

Write Traits:

*We are focusing on creating an organized writing piece using informational texts.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



- Winter Break – Dec. 24 – Jan. 2
- Fourth Grade Mock MSA – January 4th
- No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 17
- End of Second Marking Period – Jan. 21
- No School – Professional Day Jan. 24



DON'T FORGET

- * To sign your child's planner **every night**
- * To help your child keep their binder organized and check "Take Home" folder for school wide notices
- * Please review the data binder with your child and set a December/January goal for Math and Reading. academic goal for reading and math!

Ask Me About...

- Text Features
- The Hundred Dresses
- Plagiarism

TAKE A BOW



Fourth graders should take a bow for a successful field trip to the play, "The Wizard of Oz"!